

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 2194
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Serial No. 10/666,402	)	
Filed: September 17, 2003	)	<b><u>AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR</u></b>
For: <b>MIDDLEWARE FILTER AGENT</b>	)	<b><u>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)</u></b>
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Sir:

This amendment is a bona fide submission filed with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.